

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY  
THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**2006 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY  
6 PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – 11:59 PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
102-HOUR HOLIDAY PERIOD**

In Tennessee, there were 20 fatal crashes resulting in 20 deaths, yielding a fatality rate of one death per five hours and six minutes.

6 crashes were single vehicle crashes; 14 were multiple vehicle crashes.

Four (20%) of the fatalities occurred in alcohol-related crashes.

Fifteen of the people killed were vehicle occupants.

Nine of the 15 (60%) were not wearing safety restraints.

Four of the 9 (44%) were ejected from their vehicles.

No child passengers were killed.

Three motorcyclists were killed; all were wearing helmets.

One ATV operator was killed; was not wearing a helmet.

One pedestrian was killed.

**FATALITY LOG**

|     | <b><u>DAY</u></b> | <b><u>TIME</u></b> | <b><u>COUNTY</u></b> | <b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b> | <b><u>NUMBER<br/>KILLED</u></b> | <b><u>ALCOHOL<br/>RELATED</u></b> |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Wednesday         | 1845               | BRADLEY              | SR-60                 | 1                               | Yes                               |
| 2.  | Wednesday         | 2224               | HENRY                | SR-76                 | 1                               | No                                |
| 3.  | Thursday          | 1603               | HAMILTON             | SR-8                  | 1                               | No                                |
| 4.  | Friday            | 0250               | SHELBY               | SR-14                 | 1                               | No                                |
| 5.  | Friday            | 1152               | DEKALB               | SR-26                 | 1                               | No                                |
| 6.  | Friday            | 1425               | BRADLEY              | City Street           | 1                               | No                                |
| 7.  | Friday            | 1522               | KNOX                 | County Road           | 1                               | Yes                               |
| 8.  | Friday            | 1555               | SUMNER               | SR-6                  | 1                               | No                                |
| 9.  | Friday            | 2325               | KNOX                 | City Street           | 1                               | No                                |
| 10. | Saturday          | 1535               | SUMNER               | SR-258                | 1                               | Yes                               |
| 11. | Saturday          | 1535               | HAWKINS              | County Road           | 1                               | No                                |
| 12. | Saturday          | 1558               | SHELBY               | SR-3                  | 1                               | No                                |
| 13. | Saturday          | 1602               | SHELBY               | City Street           | 1                               | No                                |
| 14. | Saturday          | 1620               | FENTRESS             | County Road           | 1                               | No                                |
| 15. | Saturday          | 1750               | SHELBY               | I-40                  | 1                               | No                                |
| 16. | Saturday          | 9999               | CAMPBELL             | County Road           | 1                               | No                                |
| 17. | Sunday            | 0725               | UNICOI               | I-26                  | 1                               | No                                |
| 18. | Sunday            | 1202               | MARION               | SR-283                | 1                               | No                                |
| 19. | Sunday            | 1600               | HAMILTON             | SR-29                 | 1                               | No                                |
| 20. | Sunday            | 2213               | SHELBY               | City Street           | 1                               | Yes                               |

**HIGHEST DEATHS**

In 1966, 34 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 102-hour Thanksgiving holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 3.0 hours.

**LOWEST DEATHS**

In 1983, seven people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 102-hour Thanksgiving holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 14.6 hours.

*The 2007 Thanksgiving Day holiday period  
will begin 6 PM, Wednesday, November 21 and will end 11:59 PM, Sunday, November 25.  
This will be a 102-hour holiday period.*